



REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE

Borough of Barnstaple

FOR THE YEAR 1967

BOROUGH OF BARNSTAPLE

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BARNSTAPLE.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I wish to present the Annual Report on the Health and
Sanitary Administration of the Borough for the Year 1967.

Yours faithfully,

E. WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1968.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

YEAR 1967/68

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>His Worship the Mayor</u> | : | Councillor J. H. Rayner, J.P. |
| <u>Chairman</u> | : | Alderman G. Casey |
| <u>Aldermen</u> | : | F. A. Dunning |
| | : | F. A. H. Molland, J.P. (to 25.3.68) |
| | : | W. H. Wilkey J.P., M.B.E. |
| <u>Councillors</u> | : | D. T. C. Barlow |
| | : | J. Bartlett |
| | : | R. G. Chugg |
| | : | A. C. Dibble |
| | : | M. H. Lee |
| | : | D. G. Potter |

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The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of :-

Part-time Officer -

E. WILLIAMS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health

Whole-time Officers -

W. RODGERS, M.A.P.H.I.,

Chief Public Health Inspector

F. V. PYE, M.A.P.H.I.,

Additional Public Health Inspector

MISS E. M. FENNELL

Clerk

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH -

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Area in acres | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,396 |
| Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate) | | | | | | 16,340 |
| " at 1961 Census | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,944 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses (as at 1.4.1968) | ... | | | | | 5,293 |
| Number of Corporation Houses (as at 31.12.1967) | .. | | | | | 1,457 |
| Density of Persons per House | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.08 |
| Extracts from Vital Statistics - | | | | | | |
| Births : Area Comparability Factor | ... | ... | | | | 1.05 |
| Deaths : " " " | ... | ... | | | | 0.75 |

VITAL STATISTICS -

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Live Births - | | | | | | |
| Number | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 323 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | ... | ... | ... | | | 19.8 |
| " " " " adjusted by Comp. Factor | | | | | | 20.8 |
| Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births | | | | | | 7.7% |
| Stillbirths - | | | | | | |
| Number | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Rate per 1,000 Total Live & Still Births | ... | | | | | 6 |
| Total Live & Still Births | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 325 |
| Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year) | ... | ... | | | | 3 |
| Infant Mortality Rates - | | | | | | |
| Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births | | | | | | 9 |
| Legit. " " " " Legit. " " | | | | | | 10 |
| Illegit. " " " " Illegit. " " | | | | | | Nil |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per) | | | | | | 6.1 |
| 1,000 Total Live Births) | | | | | | |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week | | | | | | 3.1 |
| per 1,000 Total Live Births) | | | | | | |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under | | | | | | |
| 1 week combined, per 1,000 | | | | | | |
| Total Live & Still Births) | | | | | | 9 |
| Maternal Mortality (including Abortion) - | | | | | | |
| Number of Deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Rate per 1,000 Total Live & Still Births | ... | | | | | Nil |
| Deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 194 |
| Death Rate per 1,000 population | ... | ... | ... | | | 11.9 |
| " " " " " adjusted by Comp. Factor | | | | | | 9.0 |

POPULATION, BIRTHS & DEATHS TABLE FOR THE BOROUGH SINCE 1948 -

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Population</u> (Regist.Gen.Estimate) | <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| 1948 | 16,000 | 317 | 242 |
| 1949 | 15,940 | 287 | 227 |
| 1950 | 16,060 | 230 | 217 |
| 1951 (Census) | 16,299 | 263 | 241 |
| 1952 | 16,130 | 266 | 198 |
| 1953 | 16,090 | 261 | 314 |
| 1954 | 16,080 | 246 | 227 |
| 1955 | 15,930 | 239 | 227 |
| 1956 | 15,790 | 233 | 220 |
| 1957 | 15,750 | 255 | 227 |
| 1958 | 15,660 | 244 | 223 |
| 1959 | 15,520 | 281 | 214 |
| 1960 | 15,550 | 261 | 233 |
| 1961 (Census) | 15,944 | 280 | 284 |
| 1962 | 15,650 | 289 | 228 |
| 1963 | 15,890 | 324 | 235 |
| 1964 | 16,280 | 328 | 252 |
| 1965 | 16,330 | 295 | 269 |
| 1966 | 16,320 | 307 | 269 |
| 1967 | 16,340 | 323 | 194 |

BIRTHS -

During the year there were 323 live births, which was 16 more than occurred during the year 1966.

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>Live Births -</u> | | | |
| Legitimate ... | 152 | 146 | 298 |
| Illegitimate ... | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| | <u>164</u> | <u>159</u> | <u>323</u> |
| | <u>---</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>---</u> |

The number of home confinements was 13, which is only 4.02% of the total live births:

| <u>North Devon</u> <u>Infirmary</u> | <u>Highfield</u> <u>Maternity Home</u> | <u>At Home</u> | <u>Bicclescombe</u> <u>Hospital</u> <u>Ilfracombe</u> |
|--|---|----------------|---|
| 74 | 212 | 13 | - |
| Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 19.8 | | | |
| " " " " " " adjusted by Comp. Factor 20.8 | | | |
| Birth Rate for England & Wales 17.2 | | | |

The Birth Rate (adjusted) for previous years and for 1967 is as follows :-

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 1948 | ... 19.8 | 1955 | ... 15.60 | 1962 | ... 19.01 |
| 1949 | ... 18.0 | 1956 | ... 15.34 | 1963 | ... 21.41 |
| 1950 | ... 14.32 | 1957 | ... 16.67 | 1964 | ... 21.15 |
| 1951 | ... 16.15 | 1958 | ... 16.04 | 1965 | ... 18.96 |
| 1952 | ... 16.32 | 1959 | ... 18.64 | 1966 | ... 19.64 |
| 1953 | ... 16.05 | 1960 | ... 17.28 | 1967 | ... 20.8 |
| 1954 | ... 15.90 | 1961 | ... 18.58 | | |

Still Births -

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 0 | 1 |

DEATHS -

The total number of deaths of Borough residents during the year was 194, which was 75 less than the previous year.

| <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 100 | 94 | 194 |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Death Rate per 1,000 population | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11.9 |
| " " " " " | (adjusted by Comp. Factor) | | | | 9.0 |
| " " " " " | for England & Wales | ... | | | 11.2 |

The Death Rate (adjusted) for previous years and for 1967 is as follows :-

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
| 1950 | ... | 10.8 | 1956 | ... | 12.25 | 1962 | ... | 11.79 |
| 1951 | ... | 11.81 | 1957 | ... | 12.68 | 1963 | ... | 12.41 |
| 1952 | ... | 9.65 | 1958 | ... | 12.24 | 1964 | ... | 12.99 |
| 1953 | ... | 15.41 | 1959 | ... | 11.29 | 1965 | ... | 12.84 |
| 1954 | ... | 11.42 | 1960 | ... | 12.43 | 1966 | ... | 7.86 |
| 1955 | ... | 11.54 | 1961 | ... | 15.36 | 1967 | ... | 9.0 |

The following table shows the Causes of Death :-

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Syphilitic Disease | 1 | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| " " - Lung, Bronchus | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| " " - Breast | - | 4 | 4 |
| " " - Uterus | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | 1 | - | 1 |
| Vascular Lesions of Nervous System | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| Other Heart Disease | 16 | 22 | 38 |
| Other Circulatory Disease | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Pneumonia | - | 7 | 7 |
| Bronchitis | 10 | - | 10 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital Malformations | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases | 10 | 9 | 19 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 | - | 2 |
| All Other Accidents | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Suicide | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>94</u> | <u>194</u> |

Deaths occurred in the following age-groups :-

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|---|---------------|-----|----|
| Under 1 year | ... | 3 | 45 - 54 years | ... | 13 |
| 1 - 4 years | ... | 1 | 55 - 64 " | ... | 17 |
| 5 - 14 " | ... | - | 65 - 74 " | ... | 41 |
| 15 - 24 " | ... | 1 | 75 - 84 " | ... | 76 |
| 25 - 34 " | ... | 1 | 85 - 94 " | ... | 34 |
| 35 - 44 " | ... | 3 | 95 + " | ... | 4 |

Neonatal Deaths -

This represents the number of deaths occurring in infants under the age of 4 weeks :-

| | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Illegitimate | ... | - | - | - |

Neonatal Death Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births 6.1

Infant Mortality Rate -

During the year 3 infants died under the age of 1 year, viz

| | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegitimate | ... | - | - | - |

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births ... 9.0

Causes of Infant Deaths were as follows :-

M. 2 days : Cerebral Haemorrhage; Softening; Aspiration of gastric contents.

M. 1 week : Congenital Spina Bifida; Hydrocephalus.

F. 4 months : Acute Interstitial Pneumonitis; Natural Causes.

Maternal Mortality - NIL.

Cancer Deaths -

There were 33 deaths from Cancer during the year : 13 fewer than in 1966.

| | | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Stomach | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Lungs & Bronchus | ... | ... | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Breast | ... | ... | - | 4 | 4 |
| Uterus | ... | ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other | ... | ... | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| | | | <u>15</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>33</u> |
| | | | <u><u>15</u></u> | <u><u>18</u></u> | <u><u>33</u></u> |

Deaths from Cancer of the Lung & Bronchus, since 1950 -

| | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> | | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <u>Year</u> 1950 | 3 | - | 3 | <u>Year</u> 1959 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 1951 | 2 | - | 2 | 1960 | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| 1952 | 2 | - | 2 | 1961 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| 1953 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1962 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 1954 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1963 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 1955 | 5 | - | 5 | 1964 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 1956 | 8 | - | 8 | 1965 | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| 1957 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1966 | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| 1958 | 9 | - | 9 | 1967 | 7 | 2 | 9 |

Cancer of the lung in Males decreased from 8 in 1966 to 7 in 1967, and in Females the number remained the same, at 2.

The total number of cancer deaths, and the percentage of cancer deaths to total deaths, since 1950, are shown in the following table :-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total No. of Deaths</u> | <u>Cancer Deaths</u> | | | <u>Percentage of Cancer Deaths to Total Deaths</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| | | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| 1950 | 217 | 15 | 11 | 26 | 11.9% |
| 1951 | 241 | 14 | 12 | 26 | 10.7% |
| 1952 | 198 | 9 | 17 | 26 | 13.1% |
| 1953 | 314 | 22 | 27 | 49 | 15.6% |
| 1954 | 227 | 15 | 23 | 38 | 16.7% |
| 1955 | 227 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 13.2% |
| 1956 | 220 | 23 | 17 | 40 | 18.1% |
| 1957 | 227 | 18 | 11 | 29 | 12.7% |
| 1958 | 223 | 24 | 27 | 51 | 22.8% |
| 1959 | 214 | 17 | 18 | 35 | 16.3% |
| 1960 | 233 | 24 | 20 | 44 | 18.8% |
| 1961 | 284 | 26 | 19 | 45 | 15.8% |
| 1962 | 228 | 18 | 27 | 45 | 19.7% |
| 1963 | 235 | 23 | 12 | 35 | 14.8% |
| 1964 | 252 | 16 | 20 | 36 | 14.2% |
| 1965 | 269 | 24 | 28 | 52 | 19.3% |
| 1966 | 269 | 24 | 22 | 46 | 17.1% |
| 1967 | 194 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 17.0% |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES -

The following table shows the number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1967, arranged in age-groups :-

| AGE GROUPS | Dysentery Sonne | Measles | Pneumonia | Tuberculosis | | Whooping Cough | TOTAL |
|--------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | | Pulm. | Non- Pulm. | | |
| Under 1 year | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| 1 + | 1 | 16 | - | - | - | 1 | 18 |
| 2 + | - | 13 | - | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| 3 + | 1 | 12 | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| 4 + | - | 19 | - | - | - | - | 19 |
| 5 - 9 yrs. | 1 | 44 | 1 | - | - | - | 46 |
| 10 - 14 " | - | 7 | 1 | - | - | - | 8 |
| 15 - 19 " | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 20 - 34 " | 3 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | 6 |
| 35 - 44 " | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| 45 - 64 " | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 65 and over | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | 6 |
| Age unknown | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| TOTAL ... | 7 * | 123 | 10 | Nil | 3 ** | 2 | 145 |

* Dysentery Sonne : 5 of these 7 cases occurred in the Victoria (Children's) Ward at the North Devon Infirmary, viz : M. 1 year, M. 3 years, M. 8 years; and F. 20 & F. 23 years (Nurses). Remaining 2 cases were individual cases, viz : F. 22 and F. 46 years (at home).

** Tuberculosis
(Non-Pulmonary) : F. 28 years (Genital Tract).
F. 40 " (Cervical Gland, Neck).
M. 30 " (Gland, Neck).

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis in the Borough, and no cases of Diphtheria, the last case of this latter disease occurring 22 years ago.

There were also no official notifications of Food Poisoning during the year.

There were no cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and 3 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified.

YEARLY INCIDENCE OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS SINCE 1946

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of Cases of Pulm. T.B.</u> | <u>Case Rate per 1,000 Population</u> | <u>No. of Deaths</u> | <u>Death Rate per 1,000 Population</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| 1946 | 15 | 0.94 | 13 | 0.82 |
| 1947 | 9 | 0.56 | 6 | 0.37 |
| 1948 | 11 | 0.68 | 6 | 0.37 |
| 1949 | 5 | 0.31 | 3 | 0.18 |
| 1950 | 9 | 0.56 | 2 | 0.12 |
| 1951 | 18 | 1.11 | 7 | 0.43 |
| 1952 | 12 | 0.74 | 3 | 0.18 |
| 1953 | 8 | 0.49 | 2 | 0.12 |
| 1954 | 4 | 0.24 | Nil | Nil |
| 1955 | 5 | 0.31 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1956 | 12 | 0.76 | Nil | Nil |
| 1957 | 6 | 0.37 | Nil | Nil |
| 1958 | 11 | 0.76 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1959 | 13 | 0.83 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1960 | 8 | 0.51 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1961 | 3 | 0.19 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1962 | 3 | 0.19 | Nil | Nil |
| 1963 | 6 | 0.37 | 1 | 0.06 |
| 1964 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 1965 | 1 | 0.06 | Nil | Nil |
| 1966 | 2 | 0.12 | Nil | Nil |
| 1967 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

The following table shows the number of cases on the Borough Tuberculosis Register at the beginning and the end of the Year 1967 :-

| 1967 | Pulmonary | | | Non-Pulmonary | | | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| 1st January | 70 | 31 | 101 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 122 |
| 31st December | 70 | 31 | 101 | 11 | 12 | 23 | 124 |

HOUSING -

During the year, 111 dwelling-houses were built by Barnstaple Corporation, and 38 by Private Enterprise.

3 houses were demolished, and 2 closed under the Housing Acts.

WATER SUPPLIES -

The water supply to the Borough has, again, been adequate in quantity and satisfactory in quality throughout the year.

The water is supplied by the North Devon Water Board. The intake is from two sources : one from the River Yeo at a point some 5 miles from the town; this water gravitates to the Treatment Works at Pilton, where it is first filtered through sand filter-beds, and then chlorinated. The other source of supply is from the Water Board's reservoir at Wistlandpound. This is also treated by filtration and chlorination.

During the year, 80 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination. 79 were satisfactory.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT -

I am obliged to the Barnstaple Meteorological Station at the North Devon Athenaeum for the following information regarding local weather statistics :-

Barometer : Highest reading : 30.7 inches on 14th January, 1967;
Lowest " : 29.3 " " 16th February, 1967;

Temperature : Maximum : 80°F. on 12th July, 1967;
Minimum : 22°F. on 10th January and 10th December, 1967;
Mean for the Year: 51°F.

Rainfall : 39.15 inches.
Average for preceding 10 years : 36.2 inches.
Number of days on which .01 or more inches of rain fell : 190.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION -

Protective immunization and vaccination against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis are undertaken by the General Practitioners, and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics. There are 3 Infant Welfare Clinics in Barnstaple : these are held at Alexandra Road Clinic weekly, and at Sticklepath and Forches Clinics fortnightly.

'MEALS ON WHEELS' -

This service is still run by the W.V.S. The meals are prepared in the kitchen of the Adult Training Centre at Hawley, and the number of meals distributed to the elderly is about 50 per week.

CARE OF THE AGED -

Where possible, elderly people who are living alone are given every assistance to enable them to remain as long as possible in their own homes. They are visited by Health Visitors, and, in cases of ill-health, by the District Nurses. The W.V.S. also visit the elderly and assist by doing their shopping, etc.

Two "Darby & Joan Clubs" exist in the town, one in the Pilton district, and one at Newport. Both these Clubs are run by the W.V. S.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Sec. 47, and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951 -

This Section deals with the compulsory removal of elderly persons from their own homes to a County Welfare Home. No cases were dealt with under this Section during the year.

MATERNITY CASES -

At the North Devon Infirmary there is a Ward of 14 beds for maternity cases, with a fully-qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield Maternity Home" Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 10 beds for maternity and ante-natal patients. No Barnstaple Borough births took place at this Hospital during the year 1967.

There are also 4 beds for maternity cases at Braunton Nursing Home, but, again, no local births occurred there last year.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES -

There is an Infectious Diseases Section at the Kingsley Hospital, Bideford, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX -

LISKEARD Smallpox Hospital is the "first-line" reception hospital for any Smallpox cases from the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, with LEE MILL Hospital as "second-line" hospital.

The Plymouth Ambulance provides transport for Smallpox cases in Devon or Cornwall. The telephone number is : Plymouth (OPL 2) 64101.

THE MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT visits the Borough every fortnight, on alternate Thursdays, between the hours of 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. It is situate in the Cattle Market (Tuly Street entrance), and is available to the general public (except children under 15 years of age, and expectant mothers), and is also available for cases refer

by General Practitioners in the area, thus releasing the X-ray Department at the North Devon Infirmary to cope with other important X-ray work.

JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE, ABBEYFIELD, BARNSTAPLE -

This Centre provides training facilities for mentally-handicapped children between the ages of 5 and 16.

Hostel accommodation is also provided for children who may live some distance away from the Centre.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE, HAWLEY, BARNSTAPLE -

A new Adult Training Centre for the North Devon area was opened in 1966 for the training of handicapped adults. This Centre also has Hostel accommodation.

HOSPITALS -

The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, serves the area, and provides modern medical and surgical treatment for the residents of the District. There are 113 beds.

Two Wards, with a total of 33 beds, at the Alexandra Hospital, Barnstaple, are set aside as an Annexe to the North Devon Infirmary, and post-operative and recovery patients are transferred there as soon as possible.

There are 100 beds for the chronic sick at the Alexandra Hospital.

AMBULANCE SERVICES -

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is

responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service, and the Devon County Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Irigade serves the Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road, Barnstaple : telephone Barnstaple 5321. The staff consists of four paid members (full-time), 20 men volunteers and 14 volunteer nurses.

The Hospital Car Service, also under the Devon County Council is available upon application to the Hospital by the Doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the Ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME -

There are 5 District Nurse/Midwives practising in the Borough.

LABORATORIES -

The Public Health Laboratory, of which Dr. B. Moore is the Director, is situated at Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all Doctors.

Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out there.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75 Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and technical staff, to meet the needs of the whole of North Devon.

The Blood Bank is also situated at this local laboratory.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES -

V. D. Clinic : This is held at The North Devon Infirmary,
Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <u>MALES</u> | (Mondays, 5.15 p.m. | <u>FEMALES</u> | (Mondays, 4.00 p.m. |
| | (Thursdays, 5.45 p.m. | | (Thursdays, 4.30 p.m. |

Chest Clinic : held at The North Devon Infirmary, Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

Tuesdays, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. : Clinic & X-ray Examinations.

Infant Welfare Clinics : There are now three Infant Welfare Clinics
in Barnstaple. These are held on the following days :-

Alexandra Road Clinic -

Every Tuesday afternoon : 2 - 4 p.m.,
Every Thursday afternoon : 2 - 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Church Hall Clinic, Sticklepath -

2nd & 4th Friday of each month : 2 - 4 p.m.

Forches Estate Clinic (Borough Arms Hotel) -

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month : 2 - 4 p.m.

Dental Clinic : held at the Alexandra Road Clinic daily, for
expectant mothers, school children, and children under 5 years.

Eye Clinic : held at the Alexandra Road Clinic every 2nd Friday
of each month, for school children, and children under 5 years.

Ante-natal Clinic : at Alexandra Road Clinic, held by the District Nurses and Health Visitors, every Monday afternoon. The Physiotherapist from the Hospital is also in attendance.

Family Planning Clinic : This Clinic is run by the Exeter and District Women's Welfare Association, and is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 113 Boutport Street, Barnstaple. A lady doctor is in attendance.

A Birth Control Clinic is held every 3rd Tuesday of the month, between 5.30 and 8.30 p.m. at the same Centre. Visits by appointment only.

Hearing Clinic : This is held at the Alexandra Road Clinic on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon, for school-children and children under 5 years.

A Specialist Hearing Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary on the 4th Wednesday of the month, between 2 and 4 p.m., for school-children and children under 5 years.

Minor Ailments Clinic : held each Friday morning, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Alexandra Road Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic : held each Wednesday at the Alexandra Road Clinic.

Chiropody Service : This service operates at the Alexandra Road Clinic every Wednesday and Friday. The W.V.S. arrange the rotas and assist the Chiropodists generally. The charge is 2/6d., but the service is free for Old Age Pensioners receiving National Assistance, also to expectant mothers.

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my 17th Annual Report on the work done by the Public Health Inspectors during the past year.

The Department continued to refute Parkinson's Law, and, with the same personnel, operated for the 16th successive year in scenes which it has done so much to change - for the better, it is believed.

For the first year ever, all refuse collection was able to be done by means of compressing or compacting vehicles, rear-loading and almost dustproof, vehicles which require Collectors merely to load them and not indulge in elaborate dance measures to press the load down to prevent overflowing.

During the year, the Ministry's Working Party produced its report on Refuse Collection in England & Wales, with several sweeping changes recommended, and some severe criticism of certain common practices. It is reasonably claimed that the Borough's own service was found to conform pretty well with what is expected, more especially in type of vehicle and in experiments in collection methods. The men who perform the service so ably in all the vagaries of English weather, and who see their collection rounds expanding weekly, have probably never even heard of Parkinson, for they take such expansions in their stride (and in their compressing vehicles) quite cheerfully. Once more, I am happy to praise them for providing the ratepayers with what is, surely, one of their best bargains for money.

Refuse disposal continued to make steady progress for the 14th year on the Seven Brethren's Bank, where further factory development followed the raising of so many acres. From pasture-land to production-line is the theme here. In addition, Barnstaple Fair was, for the first time, held on the site in 1967, to fulfil

a forecast first made in a similar Annual Report several years ago, and the Fairground, when the revels are ended, becomes the largest car park in the Borough. Is it pertinent here to pose the question that, had it not been for slum clearance and refuse disposal, where the Borough would have found its many car parks? Where, indeed! Before leaving refuse disposal, it must be said that it is the most improved part of our services over the last decade. It was a sorry business before the Health Committee decided to mechanise, in advance of any other Local Authority in North Devon. Now, apart from occasional emissions of smoke from compelled fires, it is hardly noticed.

There was a slight fall - a dying fall (?) - in the number of animals slaughtered and inspected at the Public Abattoir in Tuly Street. Even so, it was the chief claimant of our time, and its throughput would have satisfied many times the population of the Borough. That strangers shall eat the fruits of your labours is always true of those districts with Public Abattoirs, and the Borough's contribution to the "export" trade in meat over the past 20 years has been immense. A new Abattoir is now planned to replace this very old and obsolete building whose only advantage for years now has been its nearness to the Department's office, but whose many drawbacks have greatly outweighed that single boon.

Housing inspections during the year were largely aimed at improving the existing, rather than razing the unfit as in earlier years. Such visits and surveys confirm to what a surprising degree has the fashion of owner-occupation spread in the Borough. Indeed, several attempts to define areas of older houses where improvements could be enforced, failed because present legislation requires a preponderance in such areas of tenanted houses not up to modern standards, whereas the findings were of houses largely owner-occupied that had already been greatly improved, usually without recourse to grants.

In food premises, the standard continued to be very good. There are, it is painfully true, some people who were never intended by nature to be food handlers, and the Borough used to have a few of them in business, but everyone must concede that the general standard in foodshops in the Borough is steadily

improving. There is always (?) that enigma called Butchers' Row with which Barnstaple seems to enjoy a love-hate relationship, as there is also the Pannier Market which is not universally respected. Their day may be passing, but it must be said that the Row, at least, has shared largely in the improvements mentioned above.

The only residential caravan site in the Borough maintained the promises made at its conversion some years ago. It was then typical of the Derby it lay beside, and has just as remarkably improved.

Further visits to offices and shops, under the still fairly recent Act which governs them, only confirm, with offices especially, that the commonly-held picture of oppressed toilers working by candlelight in fetid dungeons was years out of date, at least as far as this Borough has proved. Conditions were generally very satisfactory, and only the most trifling matters were the subject of informal notices.

As in previous years, some time was given up to speaking to, and arranging visits for, groups of student nurses, senior pupils at local schools, and other bodies interested in the work of the Department.

The main duties performed are referred to in greater detail in the following tables and sections of this Report.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and to all Members of the Council, for their courtesy and understanding, to all other Departments for their ever-ready co-operation, and, of course, to my colleagues of the Public Health Department for continued performance in complete harmony.

Your obedient servant,

W. RODGERS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

(1) MEAT INSPECTION -

Animals slaughtered and inspected were as follows :-

| | | |
|--------|-----|--------------|
| Beasts | ... | 2,495 |
| Calves | ... | 265 |
| Sheep | ... | 31,422 |
| Pigs | ... | <u>7,010</u> |
| | | 41,192 |

Meat condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

28 tons 15 cwts. 0 qrs. 3 lbs.

Whole carcasses condemned include the following :-

| | | |
|--------|-----|-----------|
| Beasts | ... | 56 |
| Calves | ... | 44 |
| Sheep | ... | 547 |
| Pigs | ... | <u>26</u> |
| | | 673 |

Incidence of Tuberculosis in Cows was, again, Nil.

Examinations for *Cysticercus Bovis* (the embryo form of a tapeworm infesting man) continued, and 10 cases were found, an increase of 2 on the previous year. The incidence of infection was .45% against .42% in 1966.

There is no other Slaughterhouse licensed in the Borough.

9 Licences were issued to Slaughtermen under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

The following table is in the form prescribed for Annual Reports by the Ministry of Health :-

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

| | Cattle excl. Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Number killed | 2,194 | 301 | 265 | 31,422 | 7,010 | Nil |
| Number inspected | 2,194 | 301 | 265 | 31,422 | 7,010 | Nil |
| <u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI -</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole Carcasses cond'd. | 6 | 50 | 44 | 547 | 25 | Nil |
| Carcase of which some part or organ condemned ... | 606 | 160 | - | 1,218 | 109 | Nil |
| % of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. & Cysticerci ... | 27.8% | 69.7% | 16.6% | 5.6% | 1.9% | Nil |
| <u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY -</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole Carcasses con- demned ... | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Carcase of which some part or organ condemned ... | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 68 | Nil |
| % of number inspected affected with T.B. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0.9% | Nil |
| <u>CYSTICERCOSIS -</u> | | | | | | |
| Carcase of which some part or organ con- demned ... | 10 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrig- eration ... | 10 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Generalised and totally condemned | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

(2) FOOD PREMISES -

(a) The following is a list of Food Premises * in the Borough :-

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Bread & Cakes | ... | ... | 16 |
| Cafes and Restaurants | ... | ... | 19 |
| Cooked Meats, etc. | ... | ... | 3 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | 16 |
| Fish (wet) | ... | ... | 6 |
| Fish & Chips | ... | ... | 7 |
| Fruit & Vegetables | ... | ... | 26 |
| Groceries and Provisions | ... | ... | 64 |
| Ice Cream | ... | ... | 1 |
| Meat | ... | ... | 26 |
| Mineral Water Factories | ... | ... | 2 |
| Public Houses & Hotels | ... | ... | 39 |
| Sweets & Confectionery | ... | ... | 109 |
| Wines & Spirits (Off-Licences) | ... | ... | 4 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 338 |
| | | | <hr/> |

* N.B. Where, as often applies, a Food Shop deals in more than one of the specified commodities, the premises have been classified according to the predominating type of business.

(b) 140 premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, viz : 49 for the Preparation of Processed Foods, and 91 for the Sale of Ice Cream.

(2) (c) Food Inspected and surrendered as unfit for human consumption was as follows :-

TINNED FOODS

| | | <u>tons</u> | <u>cwts.</u> | <u>qrs.</u> | <u>lbs</u> | <u>oz.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Coffee (Instant) ... | 55 tin(s) | | | | | |
| Cooking Oil ... | 1 ") | | | | | |
| Cream ... | 3 ") | | | | | |
| Drinking Chocolate .. | 23 ") | | | | | |
| Egg (whole) ... | 4 ") | | | | | |
| Fish ... | 100 ") | | | | | |
| Fruit ... | 2,624 ") | | | | | |
| Fruit Juice ... | 97 ") | | | | | |
| Fruit Pie Filling ... | 5 ") | 2 | 16 | 3 | 24 | 9 1/4 |
| Healthvita ... | 25 ") | | | | | |
| Jams, Conserves ... | 4 ") | | | | | |
| Meat ... | 377 ") | | | | | |
| Milk ... | 18 ") | | | | | |
| Milk (Instant) (dried) | 4 ") | | | | | |
| Milk Puddings ... | 84 ") | | | | | |
| Soups ... | 51 ") | | | | | |
| Steak & Kidney Pies | 32 ") | | | | | |
| Vegetables ... | 712 ") | | | | | |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| 4,219 tins | | | | | | |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |

OTHER FOODS

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|----|
| Biscuits (2 packets) ... | | - | - | - | - | 14 |
| Bovril (5 jars) ... | | - | - | - | 2 | 8 |
| Breakfast Cereals (7 packets) ... | | - | - | - | 5 | 4 |
| Cheese Spread (111 boxes) ... | | - | - | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cherries (Glacé) (7 packets) ... | | - | - | - | 1 | 12 |
| Chicken (1 whole) ... | | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |

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| <u>Other Foods</u> (cont'd. from P.27) | <u>tons</u> | <u>cwts.</u> | <u>qrs.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> | <u>oz.</u> |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Coffee (Instant) (32 jars) ... | - | - | - | 9 | 10 |
| Continental Sausage (various) .. | - | - | 1 | 23 | 12 |
| Duck (1 whole) ... | - | - | - | 5 | 0 |
| Fish (wet) ... | - | - | 1 | 21 | 0 |
| Fish Paste (5 jars) ... | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Flour ... | - | - | - | 19 | 0 |
| Fruit (3 jars) ... | - | - | - | 4 | 8 |
| Fruit (fresh) (14½ boxes) ... | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Herrings (Rollmop) (24 jars) .. | - | - | - | 12 | 0 |
| Honey (2 jars) ... | - | - | - | 2 | 0 |
| Jams, Marmalade (13½ jars) ... | - | 1 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Lemon Curd (3 jars) ... | - | - | - | 3 | 0 |
| Meat (excluding Slaughterhouse) ... | - | 4 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Meat (opened tins, etc.) ... | - | - | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Mixed Peel (8 packets) ... | - | - | - | 4 | 0 |
| Onions (5 sacks) ... | - | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Pickles (19 jars) .. | - | - | - | 18 | 1 |
| Salt (53 packets) .. | - | - | 3 | 23 | 8 |
| Sausages ... | - | - | - | 3 | 0 |
| Sugar ... | - | - | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Veal & Ham Pie ... | - | - | - | 3 | 0 |
| | - | 12 | 3 | 20 | 4 |
| + <u>Tinned Foods</u> (Page 27) ... | 2 | 16 | 3 | 24 | 9¾ |
| <u>TOTAL FOODS CONDEMNED</u> | 3 | 9 | 3 | 16 | 13¾ |

N.B. In addition to the above, also condemned were the total contents of six Frozen Food Cabinets, due to breakdown in refrigeration mechanism. Weight of these foods not ascertainable.

(3) ICE CREAM -

20 samples of Ice Cream were taken during the year for bacteriological examination, with the following results :-

| PRODUCER | Grade I | Grade II | Grade III | Grade IV | TOTAL |
|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| 'A' | 10 | 1 | 1 | - | 12 |
| 'B' | 7 | - | - | - | 7 |
| 'C' | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| | 18 | 1 | 1 | - | 20 |

(4) MILK & DAIRIES -

The number of Producer-Retailers in the Borough is now six, and from these, 12 samples of milk were submitted to the County Public Health Laboratory for the detection of Brucella Abortus. All were NEGATIVE.

(5) DISINFECTION -

3 Disinfections were carried out, viz :-

2 Library Books (Chickenpox)
1 Police Cell (Scabies)

(6) GENERAL DISINFESTATION -

30 premises were treated for pests, as follows :-

| | | |
|---------------|-----|----|
| Cockroaches | ... | 7 |
| Fleas | ... | 4 |
| Wasps (nests) | ... | 19 |

The number of treatments at such premises were :-

| | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| Cockroaches | ... | 31 |
| Fleas | ... | 8 |
| Wasps (nests) | ... | 26 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 65 |
| | | <hr/> |

(7) RODENT DISINFESTATION -

The part-time employment of a Pensioner was, again, considered to be sufficient to do rodent disinfestation and other miscellaneous duties.

(8) SALVAGE -

The following materials were salvaged during refuse collection and disposal during the financial year 1967/68 :-

| | <u>tons</u> | <u>cwts.</u> | <u>qrs.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> | <u>£.</u> | <u>s.</u> | <u>d.</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Non-ferrous Metals | - | - | 2 | 19 | 1. | 2. | 9 |
| Rubber (motor) tubes | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | 6. | 3 |
| Feathers | - | 3 | 2 | 10 | 3. | 11. | 6 |
| Woollens | - | - | - | 26 | - | 19. | 6 |
| Other Rags | 2 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 30. | 19. | 3 |
| | <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | |
| <u>TOTAL SALES</u> | ... | 2 | 9 | 2 | 18 | £ 35. | 19. 3 |
| | <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | |

(9) PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928 -

The following Storage Licences were granted under the above Act :-

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Petroleum Spirit only | ... | ... | ... | 52 |
| Petroleum Spirit & Petroleum Mixtures | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Petroleum Mixtures only | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Petroleum Mixtures & Carbide of Calcium | ... | ... | ... | <u>1</u> |
| | | | | <u>67</u> |

The quantities stored were as follows :-

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Petroleum Spirit | ... | ... | 218,050 gallons |
| Petroleum Mixtures | ... | ... | 3,035 gallons |
| Carbide of Calcium | ... | ... | 112 lbs. |

Fees received by the Corporation in respect of such Licences amounted to £57. 0. 0d.

(10) EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 & 1923 -

The number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives (i.e. fireworks, cartridges, etc.) was 32, and the fees received, £1. 12. 0d.

(11) FACTORIES ACT, 1961 -

The following tables show Inspections, etc. carried out during the year 1967 :-

(a) INSPECTIONS :

| Premises | Number on Register | Inspect- ions | Number of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosec ^d . |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Factories in which S.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A. | 12 | 4 | 2 | - |
| 2. Factories not incl. in (1) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A. | 138 | 50 | - | - |
| 3. Other Premises in which S.7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding Outworkers' Premises | 19 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 169 | 54 | 2 | - |

(11) (b) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions instit ^d . |
|---|---|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred to H.M. Inspect. | Referred by H.M. Inspect. | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | 8 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):- | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 3 | 2 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 11 | 5 | - | - | - |

(11) (c) OUTWORK :

| Nature of Work | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------|--------------|
| | No. of Out-workers in Aug. list (S.133, (1)(c)) | No. of cases of default in sending lists | No. of prosecutions for failure to send lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing Apparel (raking, etc.) | 45 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lace, Lace-curtains, Nets | 12 | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL ... | 57 | - | - | - | - | - |

(12) THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED LIST OF SANITARY OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1967 :-

| Nature of Works Done | P.H. Acts | Hsng. Acts | F.&D. Act | Fact. Acts | O.S.& R.P. Act |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Drains repaired | 14 | - | - | - | - |
| Drains cleared | 35 | - | - | - | - |
| New vent pipes provided | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| New inspection chambers built | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| New gullies fixed | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| New W.C. pans provided | 1 | - | 4 | - | - |
| Additional W.Cs. provided | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| W.Cs. repaired | 2 | - | - | - | - |

(continued :-

(12) DETAILS OF SANITARY OPERATIONS (continued from Page 34)

| Nature of Works Done | P.H. Acts | Hsng. Acts | F.&D. Act | Fact. Acts | O.S.& R.P. Act |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| New flushing Cisterns provided | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Walls repaired | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Windows cleansed | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Roofs repaired or renewed | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Guttering repaired or renewed | 6 | - | - | - | - |
| Plaster repaired - external | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| " " - internal | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Dampness remedied | 6 | - | - | - | - |
| Lighting improved | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Heating improved | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Thermometer provided | - | - | - | - | 28 |
| First Aid Equipment provided | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Washing facilities improved | - | - | 4 | - | 17 |
| Rooms cleansed | - | - | 27 | - | 2 |
| Food protected from contamination) | - | - | 18 | - | - |
| Vermin and other pests eradicated) | 30 | - | - | - | - |
| Premises where nuisances abated | 86 | - | - | - | - |
| Information for Employees provided) | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Houses demolished | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Houses closed | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 1 | - | - |

(13) SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC. -

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Total visits made | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,505 |
| Inspections - Public Health Acts | ... | ... | | | 601 |
| " - " " " (re-visits) | | | | | 208 |
| " - Housing Acts | ... | ... | ... | | 17 |
| " - " " (re-visits) | ... | | | | 65 |
| Visits to Slaughterhouse | ... | ... | ... | | 1,250 |
| Butchers' Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | 69 |
| Food Preparing Premises | ... | ... | ... | | 76 |
| Other Food Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | 244 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Milk Vehicles (including Sampling) | ... | ... | | | 15 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Ice Cream Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Shops Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act | ... | | | | 231 |
| Infectious Disease Investigations | ... | ... | | | 2 |
| Factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 |
| Rodent Control | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Refuse Tip | ... | ... | ... | ... | 254 |
| Petroleum Storage | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Miscellaneous Letters written | ... | ... | | | 56 |
| Statutory Notices - Public Health Acts | ... | | | | 1 |
| " " - Housing Acts | ... | ... | | | Nil |
| Informal Notices - Public Health Acts | ... | | | | 55 |
| " " - P.H.A. (secondary) | ... | | | | 71 |
| Verbal Notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | 113 |

